Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2
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Requested by Senator Jim Peterson

For the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee

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1. Title, line 12.
Following: "KINDERGARTEN;"
Insert: "PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ENHANCED EARLY CHILDHOOD
    EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS;"

2. Page 26, line 29.
Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 21. Enhanced early childhood
educational program -- funding.** (1) A school district that does
not implement a full-time kindergarten program pursuant to 20-7-
117 may apply to the board of public education for funds to
provide enhanced early childhood educational programs to students
enrolled in kindergarten through third grade. The board of
public education, with staff support from the office of public
instruction, shall assess a district's application to ensure that
the programs included in the application are research-proven and
designed to improve students' school readiness or students'
achievement or to narrow students' achievement gaps.
Applications that do not meet these criteria may not be approved.
    (2) If an application described in subsection (1) is
approved, the office of public instruction shall disburse to the
district a payment in an amount equal to the amount that the
school district would have received if it provided full-time
kindergarten. The office of public instruction shall count
kindergarten enrollment in the previous year as full-time
enrollment for the purposes of computing the payment under this
subsection.
    (3) The office of public instruction shall distribute the
payment described in subsection (2) on the schedule for
distribution of BASE aid and state advances for county
equalization as provided in 20-9-344. The school district shall
deposit the funds in the school flexibility fund provided for in
20-9-543. Funds received by the district under an approved
application may be used only for paying the direct costs of
providing the programs described in the application. Funds that
are not spent for the direct costs of the programs described in
the application must be returned to the office of public
instruction."
Renumber: subsequent sections

3. Page 29, line 28.

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Strike: "[section 25(3)]"
Insert: "[section 26(3)]"

4. Page 32, line 22.
Strike: "[Section 8] is"
Insert: "[Sections 8 and 21] are"

5. Page 32, line 23.
Strike: "[section 8]"
Insert: "[sections 8 and 21]"

6. Page 32, line 24.
Strike: "23 through 25"
Insert: "24 through 26"

7. Page 32, line 25.
Strike: "23 through 25"
Insert: "24 through 26"

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